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Newark. A civil rights and political activist for many
years, she was once Newark's Human Rights Director
under Mayor Gibson. She leaves two sons and three
grandchildren and a daughter, Elena Rutherford.**MRS. IRENE MOON**, mother of Renee Moon, of Dept.
of Newark Housing.**MRS. ANNE KEARNEY-BOONE** of Plainfield, worked
as the Housing Manager of Stephen Crane Village
Department of N.H.A. Condolences all go to husband,
William Boone and two daughters.**MRS. GERALDINE G. FOUSHEE**, known by the nick-
name 'Gigi', was a community activist that ran the
gambit from teacher, police woman, Executive Secre-
tary of Newark's ABC Board and Warden, Sheriff's
Department. She leaves to mourn, her husband, John,
children, Chere M. Foushee-Glover and Kyle E. Glover;
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POLLY TICKS

By Eddy Guilbert

CONNIE WOODRUFF!!! Oh, how we loved her!!! The coming Newark elections will have a void without her...

The rumor, that MAYOR SHARPE JAMES has asked SENATOR RON RICE to become his campaign director for the soon to be mayoralty election, is a reminder of the story that Dr. M.L. King liked to tell, *"There was this old spinster who had a good life but had never married. One day one of the sisters told her that there was a rumor that she was engaged to be married - to which the spinster replied: 'don't*

know a thing about it, but thank God for the rumor!!!"

Let's face it!!! MAYOR JAMES is going to stand for re-election come May!!! The electorate of Newark is going to re-elect him for the umpteenth time - period. SENATOR RICE, as the fire in the belly leader for James, will help re-elect James and himself as the West Ward Councilman At Large. At the completion of the mayor's term, he would endorse Ron as his successor. During the last of Mayor James' term, he will announce that he is a candidate for gov-

ernor and will aspire to be elected the first black governor of the state.

Speaking of Mayor James, I have just cancelled my subscription to "MONEY," the magazine that dubbed us the 'most dangerous city in the nation'. I am glad they did not say the "universe"!!! I love Newark!!! We are bouncing back!!! But, like Mayor James, Police Director Santiago, the Chief of Police, F.B.I. Agent in charge, the Sheriff and the Essex County Prosecutor, I am not going to stroll the byways of Newark at sunset!!!

NEWARK FACTS

By Henry Martinez
Councilman - East Ward - Newark, New Jersey

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to an article in the "Essex" section of the *Star Ledger* on Wednesday, January 15, 1997. The article, "Newark Officials Call Sports Complex Vote Pointless," contained inaccurate information, which in any opinion, must be corrected.

The reporter gives the impression that almost fifty (50) Newark residents were waiting to discuss the stadium issue at the Special Meeting, scheduled for January 14th. The facts, however, are very different. First, the number was closer to twenty-five (25), not fifty (50). Second, twenty (20) of the citizens waiting, were there for the "discussion on suspension of Newark Public School Employees:" an issue which was ignored by the *Star Ledger* reporter.

Three individuals were there for the "discussion on hiring practices of the Police and Fire Departments." In fact, two of the people waiting were residents whose names appeared on the meeting agenda as invited speakers.

The Stadium issue was there for the "discussion on hiring practices of the Police and Fire Departments." In fact, two of the people waiting were residents whose names appeared on

the meeting agenda as invited speakers.

The Stadium issue was an added item to the agenda at my request. As the Council Member representing the East Ward, I was the sponsor for the Resolution to give the people the opportunity to vote on this issue.

There were only two people waiting for the discussion by the Council. One of these individuals was Mr. Bill Chappel as reported by the "Ledger." However, once again the reporter got the facts wrong. Mr. Chappel is listed as "an activist from Newark's Ironbound Section." Everyone knows that he lives on James Street and has been involved in issues related to the Historic District for many years. He does not live in the Ironbound Section, nor does he, or did he, use Riverbank Park.

This fact is true for many of the leaders of the opposition to the stadium project. They live in Montclair, Maplewood, Bloomfield and Hoboken. Few really live in the Ironbound! None use the park. Why should these non-residents be allowed to dictate to the community what it needs and should have? Who do these people represent?

The stadium project will give the residents of Ironbound and the City overall, a new professional class base-

ball and soccer stadium with 6000 seats, which would provide much needed family entertainment. In addition to replacing the existing contaminated facility, the project will give the community three (3) new, state-of-the-art soccer fields, a new baseball field, a new roller blade rink, four (4) new tennis courts, four (4) basketball courts, a new children's playground and seventy-five (75) on-site parking spaces. It also includes lights for the new park's use at night and a pedestrian skybridge to give safe access for local residents. The new park will also be fenced in for safety purposes.

This is what Mr. Chappel wants to deny the residents of the Community. What they will be left with is a closed Riverbank Park that is nothing more than a toxic waste dump. The stadium proposal is the best project for the Ironbound in many years. Rather than present the cause of the opposition to the Newark Sports Complex, using false, or misleading information, the *Star Ledger* should do an objective review of the project. Then, take a position for or against it, in its editorial pages. This would be a true service to the Newark community.

Sincerely,
Henry Martinez, Councilman

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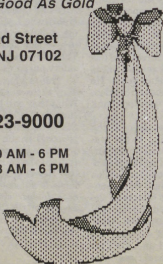
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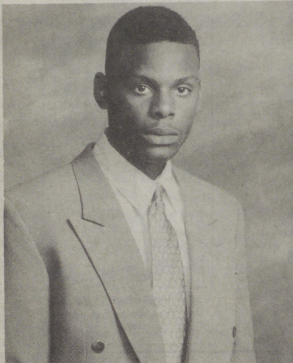


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Jamal Wilson, a 6-3 senior guard from East Orange is something special, the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division 3 New England Player of the Week, recently. He's ninth on the all-time Amherst scoring list with 1,084 points.

Wilson is considering law and sociology among his career options - and, perhaps, some pro basketball.

In a recent victory over Westfield State, he scored 19 points and stole seven times. He dropped through a career-high 38 in 92-65 romp over Wheaton.

He did not miss a free throw in 20 attempts all that week.

When Amherst set a team scoring record with a 125-47 romp over Johnson and Wales, Wilson set a school record with seven treys - in seven attempts. He had 28 points on 10-for-11 shooting, six rebounds, three assists and two thefts.

His coach David Hixson says, "He came in as a freshman, a little out of control, but athletically talented," he added "but not as technically strong as needed to play at our level. He stayed at Amherst in summers and put hours into his game. "When he scored the 37, he didn't play the last seven minutes. He's doing great things as a senior and is our captain."

For two straight years, Wilson has led Amherst to the ECAC New England Division 3 Tournament title. His freshman year, Amherst got to the Elite Eight in NCAA play.

This season, he's 65 for 147 on field goals, including 23 for 55 in treys, and 26 in 31 on free throws. He has 46 rebounds and 26 steals.



Greetings from the Chiefs



President Bill Clinton and Newark's own Mayor Sharpe James, send our their best wishes to everyone, for a healthy, happy and prosperous year!



Giblin Association Charity/Community Service Awards



(1)- NEWARKERS ALL! Shown (L-R) is Bernardino D. Coutinho, who received Community Service Award for Heritage from the Giblin Association, Thomas P. Giblin, James Parrillo, Newark Housing Authority, Commissioner Albert Coutinho and former Freeholder Joseph C. Parlavacchio.

(2)- Irvington Mayor Sara B. Bost receiving Community plaque for Government on behalf of former Mayor Anthony T. Blasi and Thomas P. Giblin.

(3)- Shown (L-R): Thomas P. Giblin, Jeanette Seabrooks, West Ward Democratic Vice-Chair, and State Senator Richard J. Codey, 27th Legislative District, which includes East Orange, Montclair, Orange, West Orange and Newark.

(4)- Shown at a recent Breakfast held at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, sponsored by the Giblin Association is (L-R): Susie McGhee, President of the Newark NAACP, who received a \$500.-, check for the "Act So" Program that benefits youth in the Newark public schools and Thomas P. Giblin, Standardbearer and Essex County Democratic Chairman.

(5)- Shown receiving a Community Service plaque from the Giblin Association is (L-R) Senator Wynona M. Lipman, Abbie Stebbins, who received the award as a Volunteer, and Thomas P. Giblin.



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AFTER HOURS AFTER HOURS...

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

JAZZ SHOW at the Robert Treat Travelodge every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

FEB. 22nd - Fourth Annual Interfaith Spiritual Breakfast, 10:00 A.M.-Noon. Bethany Baptist Church, 275 W. Market St., Newark. Donation \$12.00. Sponsored by The African American Heritage Parade Committee, Inc.

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ladies upset, each one wanted to par-tee with him alone - smiles... **Linda Roberts** of Newark, NJ is one of Symphony Hall's best known persons for contacts in the New York entertainment circle... Tis said that **B.L.S.** may be located around the Art Center.... Congratulations to **Darrel Wiley** who is the teacher, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wiley... **Jamal Wilson** slated to become the biggest and best basketball rookie in college this year.

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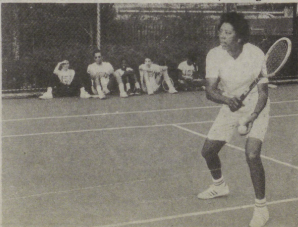


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We remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his quest
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The Mirror news salutes Linda Hopkins, star of such Broadway hit musicals as "Me and Bessie," "The Wiz", a Tony award winner, and a Columbia Recording Artist, Miss Hopkins is shown in her portrayal of the great blues singer Bessie Smith.

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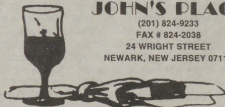
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Well, 1997 is here and what are we going to do about it??? This should be the year that we say: hey, I'm gonna mind my 'own' business! Because minding your own 'biness' is in for this year... Speaking of minding one's business - how about that young lady on So. 15th St. in Newark on the seven hundred block, who is always bad mouthing everybody on the block? She talks about people she doesn't even know, one of these days, somebody is going to take your lying tongue and make it look like a pretzel.... The other day "The Shadow" observed the cook at a restaurant on Lyons Ave. in Irvington who was waiting on people at the counter, he excused himself for a minute to go to the bathroom and when he came back, his hands were dry, and I could see that they had never seen water. So the Shadow just walked out, after thinking about what he had been holding while he was in the bathroom and was about to serve me some food... Well, the new welfare rules kick in this month, and a lot of people will be kicking out and trying to find a J.O.B., I know one lady who lives in Hillside on Maple Ave. with six children who is about to have a fit. Six kids, no man and soon no welfare, what's a mother to do??? She's not alone. I feel sorry also, for the sister on South Orange Ave., in Vailsburg who is collecting in Essex, Hudson and Somerset County. She will really be in trouble as we say good-bye to welfare, as we know it. Fare "you well" just

think when you have to go to work. Somebody else will have to tell you what happened on the soap operas... Hey, you young brothers out there, whatcha' gonna do to celebrate "Black History" month? Gonna do a drive-by shooting? A car jacking? Or just mug somebody for their hard earned money? This is the time when you are supposed to stand up and show your pride in your black heritage. I hope you have more to be proud of then, B&E and possession do drugs or anything other than crime.... Speaking of drugs, to those young brothers who stand on the street corners dealing on a daily basis: I hope you don't think you are hiding anything from the man, you all stand out like sore thumbs and when the neighbors call in to the narcs, they tell them where you hide your stash. These brothers have no fear of getting caught, the Shadow was riding down Hawthorne Ave. the other day and I just slowed down for a second to look for a street address, and no less than five young boys came over to the car asking me if I wanted to buy, and the sad part is these youngsters should have been in school. Whatever happened to truant officers? Here is a tip to J.S. up in Vailsburg on Sunset: you'd better watch out, you better not pout, you better be good, I'm telling you why, The Shadow isn't the only one who's watching you, so is D.Y.F.S. and you are going to lose your kids if you don't stop using their money to spend on your man, helping him make his car

payments and supporting you and his habit....

If you think "old Mother Hubbard" had so many children, she didn't know what to do? You should see all of the children that live in a two bedroom apt. on Schuyler Ave. in Newark. And from the look of the two women who share the place, there are more on the way - wow! If anybody needs child support they sure do... The Moët Champagne Co. should make a huge donation to the black community. 'Cause the brothers sure buy enough of it when they want to show off their new found wealth, also the people that make the BMWs should also be grateful that young brothers are able to walk into the showroom and buy an expensive car and don't even own a social security card - the have cash money. They drive out of the dealers in the driver's seat, but sometimes they end up in the trunk of the car looking like a piece of Swiss cheese, and they have gone for the big ride in the sky.

Hey, Rashon? Can you stand another "I told you so"? Well The Shadow told you that you were not welcome on the corner of 18th and Clinton, you didn't listen to me, I do hope you come out of intensive care soon, and you will be able to function again as a man, you were lucky this time, don't tempt fate again.

The Shadow has to run now, peace and later, yo!

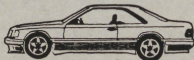
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